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Docket No.: SMCY-P02-099  
(PATENT)



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Richard F. Gladney

Application No.: 10/750,540

Confirmation No.: 5566

Filed: December 31, 2003

Art Unit: 3673

For: METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING  
ENCASED MATTRESSES

Examiner: F. C. Conley

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated November 14, 2008, Applicants offer the following evidence of a complete, timely-filed response to the non-final office action dated May 1, 2008. The submitted evidence includes a copy of the papers sent with a Certificate of Mailing, dated November 3, 2008, including: a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), an Amendment Transmittal Letter, and a complete Response to Non-Final Office Action. Applicants also submit a copy of the return receipt postcard indicating that the papers were received on November 5, 2008.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error, and a withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is hereby requested.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this petition. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. SMCY-P02-099 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

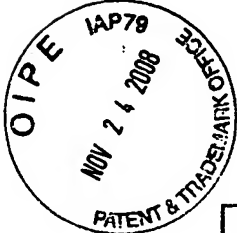
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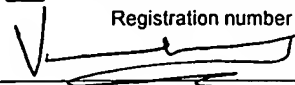
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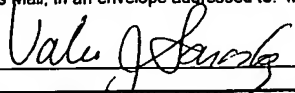
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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b><br><b>FY 2009</b><br><i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>                                     |            | <b>Docket Number (Optional)</b><br>SMCY-P02-099 |             |
| <b>Application Number</b> 10/750,540  |            | <b>Filed</b> December 31, 2003                  |             |
| <b>For</b> METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING ENCASED MATTRESSES   |            |   |             |
| <b>Art Unit</b> 3673  |            | <b>Examiner</b> F. C. Conley                    |             |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.  |            |   |             |
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| <br>_____<br>Signature   |            | _____<br>November 3, 2008<br>Date               |             |
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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER  |   |  |                                   | Docket No.<br>SMCY-P02-099     |                 |
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| Application No.<br>10/750,540   |   | Filing Date<br>December 31, 2003   |                                   | Examiner<br>F. C. Conley       |                 |
|   |   |  |                                   | Art Unit<br>3673               |                 |
| Applicant(s): Richard F. Gladney  |   |  |                                   |                                |                 |
| Invention: METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING ENCASED MATTRESSES   |   |  |                                   |                                |                 |
| <b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>  |   |  |                                   |                                |                 |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.   |   |  |                                   |                                |                 |
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| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>  |   |  |                                   |                                |                 |
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**RESPONSE TO NON FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set forth below. The enclosed petition for a three-month extension of time extends the deadline for responding to November 3, 2008.

**A listing of the claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.



LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A mattress comprising

a substantially rigid bottom panel;

a perimeter sidewall joined to the bottom panel, said bottom panel and perimeter sidewall defining an interior cavity; and

an innercore having a bottom surface, said innercore disposed within the cavity,

wherein said a portion of the bottom surface of the innercore is joined to the bottom panel by an adhesive in a region proximate to the perimeter sidewall, with a remaining portion of the bottom surface being unattached to the bottom panel.

15. (Original) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the innercore comprises pocketed springs and the adhesive bonds fabric surrounding the pocketed springs to the bottom panel.

16. (Previously Presented) A mattress comprising

a platform made of a composite material comprising one or more materials selected from the group consisting of foam, wood, and plastic;

a perimeter sidewall joined to the platform, said platform and perimeter sidewall defining an interior cavity; and

an innercore having a bottom surface, said innercore disposed within the cavity and said bottom surface joined to the platform by an adhesive in a region proximate to the perimeter sidewall, with the bottom surface being unattached to the bottom panel away from the perimeter sidewall.

17. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 16, wherein the platform comprises a plurality of layers.
18. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 16, wherein the mattress is a two sided mattress, with the platform forming a second sleeping surface.
19. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 16, wherein the platform comprises a high density polyurethane foam having a density of approximately 1.85 lbs./cu. ft. and a firmness above 30 ILD.
20. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, further comprising an upholstery layer disposed over a top surface of the innercore.
21. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the perimeter sidewall is made of foam.
22. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the bottom panel comprises a layer of high density foam.
23. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the bottom panel forms a substantially rigid base platform that comprises a layer made of a material selected from the group consisting of wood, cardboard, plastic or foam, said material capable of providing support to the innercore.
24. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the innercore is selected from the group of open coil innercores, fabric-encased spring coil innercores, and springs in foam innercore.
25. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the innercore comprises a block of resilient foam.
26. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the perimeter sidewall is attached to a peripheral region of a major surface of the bottom panel by an adhesive.

27. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, wherein the perimeter sidewall comprises a plurality of sidewall sections.

28. (Previously Presented) The mattress of claim 14, and further comprising a wire for securing the innercore against the substantially rigid bottom panel.

29-34 (Canceled)



**REMARKS**

Claims 14-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13 and 29-34 were canceled. Claims 14, and 16-28 are previously presented. Claim 15 is original. No new matter is added. Claims 14-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2005/0000026 to Richard F. Gladney (hereinafter, "Gladney"). Applicants hereby traverse the rejections and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the remarks set forth below.

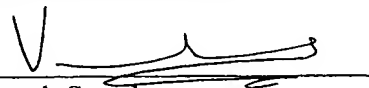
The Office Action improperly asserts Gladney as a §102(e) reference to reject claims 14-28 because both Gladney and the present application have the same inventive entity. 35 U.S.C. §102(e) requires the prior reference to be an application or a patent by "another." "Another" means other than applicants, *In re Land*, 368 F.2d 866, 151 USPQ 621 (CCPA 1966), in other words, a different inventive entity. *MPEP* §2136.04. The inventive entity is different if not all inventors are the same. *Id.* (citing *Ex parte DesOrmeaux*, 25 USPQ2d 2040 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1992)). The inventive entity in Gladney is solely "Richard F. Gladney; the inventive entity in the present application is also solely Richard F. Gladney. The sole inventors in each of Gladney and the present application are identical. Therefore, Gladney cannot be used under §102(e) to reject claims 14-28. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102(e) rejections of claims 14-28.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

We believe that we have appropriately provided for the fees due in connection with this submission. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. SMCY-P02-099 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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